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Subject: Proposed Bill No. 5695

Dear State Senators and State Representatives of the Joint Judiciary Committee,

The purpose of this letter is to provide testimony in favor of Proposed Bill No. 5695, AN ACT PERMITTING PERSONS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES USING NONLETHAL DEFENSIVE INSTRUMENTS. Every person retains the unalienable right to self-defense, and any effort to ward off an attack or assault shall be by the least amount of force necessary. In many U.S. states, nonlethal electronic defense instruments are already legal to own, and arguably provides a person with a more humane means to defend oneself.

I respectfully request that the Joint Judiciary Committee approve Proposed Bill No. 5695 so that:
1) Connecticut law conforms to the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Caetano v. Massachusetts*; and 2) common sense and more humane electronic defense weapons are no longer prohibited from ownership and use.

Sincerely,



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